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this letter in order that you may have a clearer understanding of the condition of affairs in case I should wire you of the redisinfection of a vessel here.

Respectfully,

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Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Reports of States and yearly and monthly reports of cities of the United States.

COLORADO—*Denver*.—Month of May, 1900. Estimated population, 175,000. Total number of deaths, 181, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 2; scarlet fever, 2, and 43 from tuberculosis.

MARYLAND—*Baltimore*.—Month of May, 1900. Estimated population, 541,000—white, 463,000; colored, 78,000. Total number of deaths, 781—white, 571; colored, 210, including diphtheria, 9; enteric fever, 7; measles, 1; whooping cough, 6, and 92 from tuberculosis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Worcester*.—Month of May, 1900. Estimated population, 113,273. Total number of deaths, 164, including diphtheria, 6; measles, 7; scarlet fever, 6; whooping cough, 3, and 29 from tuberculosis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended June 16, 1900, from 76 observers indicate that enteric fever, whooping cough, and phthisis pulmonalis increased and scarlet fever, intermittent fever, pleuritis, influenza, measles, and cholera morbus decreased in area of prevalence.

Phthisis pulmonalis was reported present at 170, scarlet fever at 61, enteric fever at 27, diphtheria at 25, whooping cough at 23, smallpox at 8, and cerebro-spinal meningitis at 4 places.

MISSOURI—*St. Joseph*.—Month of May, 1900. Estimated population, 75,000. Total number of deaths, 62, including 8 from tuberculosis.

NEW YORK—*Auburn*.—Month of May, 1900. Estimated population, 35,000. Total number of deaths, 52, including diphtheria, 3; whooping cough, 1, and 5 from phthisis pulmonalis.

OHIO—*Cleveland*.—Month of May, 1900. Estimated population, 395,000. Total number of deaths, 527, including diphtheria, 5; enteric fever, 22; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 3; whooping cough, 4; smallpox, 3, and 58 from tuberculosis.

RHODE ISLAND—*Newport*.—Month of May, 1900. Estimated population, 21,500. Total number of deaths, 40, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 2, and 5 from tuberculosis.